

REMARKS

Claims 1, and 3-14 remain in the application, claims 8-14 standing as withdrawn as directed to a nonelected invention.

Claims 1 and 3-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as clearly anticipated by Bezoska et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,933,017.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of cancelled claim 2, and is believed to patentably distinguish over Bezoska et al.. Specifically, claim 1 recites that one or more parts are enclosed in the cavity of tooling which is subjected to the reversing air flow to clean the parts.

Bezoska et al. is directed to cleaning drains and the drain is directly connected to the reversing air flow. There is no suggestion of enclosing parts in a tooling cavity to clean those parts, but rather to clear a drain passage by directly connecting the drain to receive the reversing air flows.

This is a very different application which is not even remotely suggested by the cited reference.

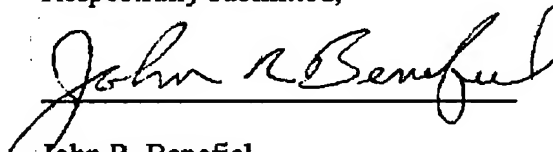
Claim 4 recites alternately directing reversing air pulses and cleaning fluid at the parts, and claim 7 recites a plurality of outlet ports to direct rapidly reversing air pulses at different regions of a part, neither suggested by Bezoska et al.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

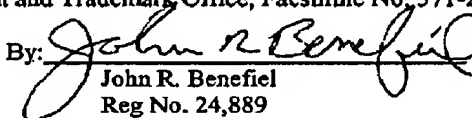
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